

Expansion of Telecom Facilities in Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

5243 SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government for the expansion of communication facilities in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, especially in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarkashi and Pauri Garhwal,

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The details are as under

(i) *Tehri Garhwal* Out of 16 Telephone Exchanges, 2 are already Electronic Exchanges and 2 more are expected to be converted into Electronic Exchanges of suitable higher capacity during the current year The remaining exchanges are planned to be converted into Electronic Exchanges of suitable higher capacity during 1992-93 & 1993-94

(ii) *Uttar Kashi* Out of 10 Telephone Exchanges 4 are already Electronic Exchanges and one more is expected to be converted into Electronic Exchange of suitable higher capacity during the current year The remaining exchanges are planned to be converted into Electronic Exchanges of suitable higher capacity during 1992-93

(iii) *Pauri Garhwal* Out of 13 Telephone Exchanges 7 are already Electronic Exchanges and two more are expected to be converted into Electronic Exchanges of suitable higher capacity during the current year The remaining Telephone Exchanges of suitable higher capacity during 1992-93

(iv) The Government have also planned to provide public telephone facility in all Panchayat villages Progressively by 31.3.1995 depending upon availability of resources

[English]

Industry Status to Film Production

5244 SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to accord the status of an industry to film production,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No Sir There is no proposal to declare film production as an industry under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951

(b) Does not arise

(c) The Industries Act applies only to such activities wherein manufacturing process is carried on and Film Industry is a creative activity and is not amenable to discipline of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act